

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS WITHOUT MARKINGS

IN THE DRAWING:

Fig. 2 has been amended.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-4 in favor of new claims 5-15 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel.

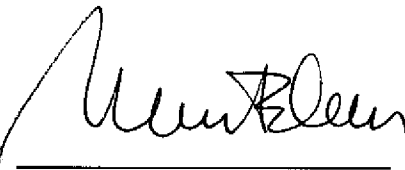
In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it with proper headings and to delete a reference to a particular claim number.

Moreover, applicant submits herewith amendments to Fig. 2 to reflect changes in paragraph [0017]. A replacement sheet is enclosed.

A substitute specification which includes all the foregoing changes to the specification (other than the claims) is enclosed herewith.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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